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SUBJ: "PROGRESSIVE" PLATFORM SOFTENS NATO POSITION

REF: A) THE HAGUE 662; B) THE HAGUE A-18

1. THE TWO "PROGRESSIVE" PARTIES, WHO FORM THE MOST IMPORTANT COLAIATION IN THE CURRENT LEFT-CENTER GOVERNMENT, HAVE MODERATED THEIR POSITIONS ON DUTCH NATO MEMBERSHIP IN A JOINT PRE ELECTION MANIFESTO. THE 15 POINT PLATFORM DRAFTED BY THE PARTIES EXECUTIVE BOARDS FOR APPROVAL BY THE PARTY COUNCILS MARCH 5, SOFTENED THE CONDITIONS FOR REMAINING IN THE ALLIANCE FROM THOSE IN THE LABOR (PVDA) PARTYS 1975 RESOLUTION ON PEACE AND SECURITY, WHICH WAS RECONFIRMED AS PARTY POLICY BY THE RECENT PVDA CONGRESS (REFTEL. THE NEW PLATFORM REQUIRES ONLY THAT NATOFURTHER EUROPEAN DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS (THE 1975 RESOLUTION DEMANDED "DEFINITE PROGRESS" ON DETENTE WITHIN THREE YEARS).

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2. ON THE NUCLEAR ARMS ISSUE, THE RADICAL (PPR) PARTY MODERATED THE POSITION TAKEN AT ITS RECENT PARTY CONGRESS. THE RADICALS HAD DEMANDED A FIRM POLICY OF NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON DUTCH SOIL. THE JOINT PLATFORM MERELY CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONES IN EUROPE AND THE CONSIDERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS ON DUTCH SOIL IN THIS CONTEXT. THE PARTIES ARE STILL DEMANDING A NATO

NO FIRST USE RESOLUTION AND A DEFENSE SPENDING CUTBACK
TO THREE PERCENT OF NATIONALINCOME.

3. THE JOINT PLATFORM ALSO CALLS FOR A MORATORIUM ON
NUCLEAR ENERGY, INCREASED DEVELOPMENT AID, A 1.5 PERCENT
ANNUAL REAL WAGE IMPROVEMENT FOR THE DUTCH WORKER AND
A STATE MONOPOLY OVER PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF
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